

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-53 are presently active in this case.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 21-24, 26-31, 33-35 and 38 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,639,850. Claims 25, 32, 36-37 and 39 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 40-53 were indicated as being allowed.

In response to the rejection under obviousness double patenting, submitted herewith is a duly executed terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to have been overcome.

Consequently, in view of the above comments and in view of the terminal disclaimer concurrently filed herewith, no further issues are outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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